

MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

INTERN PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

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DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT: Friday, January 13, 2012

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, March 19, 2012 at 5:00 PM (postmarked)

****STUDENTS MUST BE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE****

POSITION TITLE: Conservation Education Intern

OF POSITIONS: 1

LOCATION(S): Helena, MT

WORK START/END DATES: May - August

HOURS/WEEK: 40

TRAINING/ORIENTATION DATES:

May 14th - August 10th (start and end dates are flexible and we are willing to work around school schedules)

COMPENSATION (PAY, PER DIEM, HOUSING, VEHICLE, ETC):

\$9.50 per hour. A state vehicle will be provided for the intern for any outreach education programs they have to present at. If unavailable, mileage compensation will be given to the intern for personal vehicle use and food allowances will be provided when intern is in the field away from the regular assigned duty station. Department uniform and Workers Compensation insurance will also be provided.

POSITION DESCRIPTION: Develop and initiate weekly one to two hour conservation education programs for school aged children and adults. Programs should be interdisciplinary and provide participants with experiential style learning opportunities. Topics historically have related to natural resources conservation, outdoor recreation, and natural history. Programs will be held in an outdoor setting at Spring Meadow Lake State Park and at the new FWP education center, Montana Wild - A Place for Outdoor Discovery and Conservation at Spring Meadow Lake State Park.

Another major duty will be to continue to develop and deliver the "Co-Existing with Montana Wildlife Program". The "Co-Existing with Montana Wildlife Program" will focus on educating the public on co-existing with wildlife and reducing human-wildlife conflict. The "Co-Existing with Montana Wildlife Program" is an outreach program, focusing on reducing wildlife-human conflicts and successfully coexisting with wildlife. More specifically, the program will focus on Montana predators (bears, wolves, and mountain lions) and the following areas:

1. Increasing the understanding of bear behavior, biology and identification.
2. Increasing the public's understanding that minimizing and securing residential attractants (e.g. chickens, garbage, bird feeders, compost, fruit trees, pet food, hobby farms, and gardens) decreases human-predator interactions.

3. Increasing the public's understanding of what people should do if they come into contact with predators.
4. Increasing the public's awareness on how to safely recreate in predator habitat.
5. Providing hands-on training on how to properly use bear spray.

Lastly, the intern will be given a project to work on that will focus on conservation education.

The intern will be responsible for completing a report at the end of the season to summarize accomplishments and activities.

SKILLS, ABILITIES, KNOWLEDGE NEEDED (EDUCATION; UNDERGRAD/GRAD LEVEL, SUGGESTED/REQUIRED MAJORS):

Completion of freshman year in an undergraduate program, OR a graduate with a two or four year post-secondary degree. Major or minor in environmental/outdoor education, biology, botany, fish and wildlife, forestry, MT natural and cultural history, environmental studies, natural resources management or related fields.

Experience or education presenting to small and/or large groups. Courses in public speaking or mass communications is preferred. Previous experience developing outdoor recreation or conservation education programs and educating youth and/or adults on conservation topics is a plus.

Requires a Class D Driver's License: a single unit vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of less than 26,000 pounds. This is a basic driver's license. Interns may be towing education trailers as long as the gross combination weight that does not exceed 26,000 pounds.

APPLICATION MATERIALS/PROCEDURES (RESUME, COVER LETTER, REFERENCES, ETC.):

By mail or email, send cover letter, resume, listing of three professional references, and school transcripts (unofficial OK) to:

MT Fish, Wildlife and Parks
Laurie Evarts, Montana Wild- Education Program Manager
1420 E. 6th Street
Helena, MT 59601

Email: levarts@mt.gov

We will set up initial phone interviews for out-of-state applicants and in-state applicants that live further than a 2 hour drive.